GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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BUNGLING IN DELHI PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem regarding `Bungling of Lakhs of Rupees in Delhi Public Library` appearing in the Hindustan (Hindi) on June 29, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) the amount deposited by the cashier in the Bank on August 27, 1997;

(d) whether any complaint has been lodged regarding the bungling or any inquiry has been ordered in this regard; and

(e) if so, the outcome of the inquiry and action taken against the guilty officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) The Delhi Public Library authorities are well aware of the newsitem which appeared in the Hindustan (Hindi) on 29.6.2001

(b &c) The Cashier deposited a sum of Rs. 2154.85 only in the Bank on 27.8.97 instead of Rs. 1,92,154.85 and tampered the counterfoil of the Bank deposit slip. The irregularity of tampering the records by the then Cashier came to the notice of the authorities on 30.9.98 while compiling the Bank Reconciliation Statements for the period from April, 97 to March, 98. On verification of the Cash Chest, the amount of Rs. 1,90,000/- which was not deposited by the Cashier was found lying in the Chest and the same was deposited in the Bank on 30.9.98 itself.

(d&e) An inquiry was conducted and Departmental Proceedings were initiated against the then Cashier who tampered the official records and the penalty of withholding his promotion for a period of five years has been imposed on him.